

As the original Committee of Organization was found to be too large to conveniently transact the ordinary routine business, a sub-committee of administration, consisting of four members, was named for that purpose.

In November, 1903, it was decided to lease, as temporary quarters, the house No. 500 Guy Street. While it was felt that these premises would not supply the hygienic conditions required for such a hospital, nevertheless it would serve for commencing the work, and enable us to test the attitude of the public generally towards the institution, and demonstrating, to some extent, the good it could do in its particular branch of philanthropic work.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which we have laboured, we have every reason to be satisfied on these points. The attitude of the public has been most gratifying and encouraging, not only in applying for admission of children for treatment, the applications very soon exceeding our means of accommodation, but also by helping us in every possible way. Gifts in money and in kind have come from so many different sources, and from so many different places, as to justify us in believing that the public appreciate that the work we are doing is worthy of its support.

It has been especially encouraging to notice what a great interest the children have shown in our efforts to alleviate the sufferings of their fellow children, and finally, I think we have demonstrated, by the cure of many of the patients and the improvement in the condition of others, that we are engaged in a good and useful work. In fact, the result of the work we have done has exceeded our most sanguine expectations, considering the unfavourable conditions under which we have laboured.

We commenced, as you know, with very little money and much faith. We have had to depend from day to day on the help received from the public.

The first patient was admitted on January 30th, 1904.

At the end of the first week in February there were four resident patients. On March 30th there were eleven. The highest number in April was fourteen.